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VIA ECFS

March 5, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Yelcot Telephone Company**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yelcot View Telephone Company hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Yelcot Telephone Company is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Arkansas, and proposes deployment as detailed below.

Proposed Service Area

Yelcot Telephone Company proposes to build out broadband to approximately 512 premises within our regulated service territory that are currently unable to achieve 3.0 Mbps/1.0Mbps service. These areas are located within the following census tract:

<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Census Tract</u>
AR	Marion	50059601.00

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission with download speeds ranging from 3.0Mbps to 100.0Mbps provided over fiber technology.

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

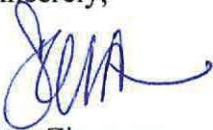
Funding

Yelcot Telephone Company estimates construction costs to total \$1.5 million. Yelcot Telephone Company requests \$1.5 million from Connect America funds in one-time funding and will fund the ongoing expenses to operate the system.

Yelcot Telephone Company expects service to be upgraded within the identified areas 18-24 months after construction starts.

Yelcot Telephone Company appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sara Zimmerman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sara Zimmerman
Vice President